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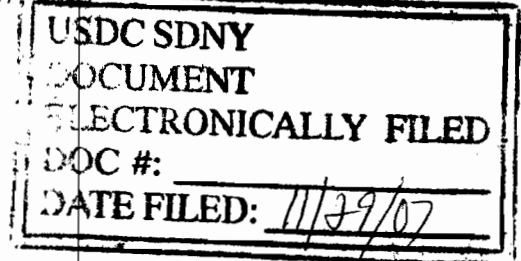
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November 27, 2007

The Honorable Theodore H. Katz  
United States Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
for the Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007



Re: Maldonado v. Burge  
Docket No. 07 Civ. 5735 (RJH) (THK)

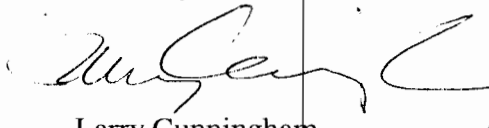
Dear Judge Katz:

Pursuant to an agreement with the Office of the Attorney General, this office represents the respondent in this habeas corpus matter. Respondent's answer to the petition is due December 14, 2007.

By an amended order dated October 30, 2007, Your Honor directed respondent to file, with its answer, certain documents from the state court proceedings. However, petitioner's counsel has already provided the Court with many of these items. Accordingly, we request permission to file our answer without the following: (1) the appellate briefs; and (2) the relevant state court decisions. We will still file, however, the transcripts, since our answer will make reference to numerous portions of that record which are not included as exhibits to the petition.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
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So ordered  
Theodore H. Katz  
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